

REDUCTION OF *JUNCUS UTAHENSIS*.—When this species was proposed (RHODORA 40: 69. 1938), I was under the impression that its caudate seeds distinguished it from other members of *Ensifolii*. Dr. F. J. Hermann, examining the type of *J. Tracyi* Rydb., Fl. Rocky Mts. 155, 1061. 1917, found the mature seeds of that specimen to show well developed tails. A subsequent comparison of the two types leaves no doubt as to their being identical, and *J. utahensis* becomes a synonym of *J. Tracyi*. Rydberg made no mention of seeds in the description proper of *J. Tracyi*, but since one of the key characters of *Ensifolii* was "seeds apiculate," it is to be inferred that without examination he assumed that the seeds of *J. Tracyi* were like those of other members of its group, and it seems advisable to amplify Rydberg's diagnosis to include "seeds caudate."—ROBERT F. MARTIN, BUREAU OF PLANT INDUSTRY, WASHINGTON.

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